

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| First Inventor | Named : Anthony Costa | Examiner         | : Eric E. Silverman |
| Customer No.   | : 22469               | Docket No.       | : 0299568-0417      |
| Title:         | : TOPICAL GEL MATRIX  |                  |                     |

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2008. A one-month extension of time is filed herewith. Authorization to withdraw the requisite \$60 fee from Deposit Account Number 13-3405 is provided. Authorization is also given to charge any additional fee or credit any over payment to the Deposit Account.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please amend the above-identified application without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter as follows: